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MEXICAN NATIONAL GETS OVER 30 YEARS FOR ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONSPIRACY

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MARTIN AVILA, 39, Michocan, Mexico, was sentenced to 30 years, 5 months (365 months) imprisonment today by U.S. District Chief Judge David F. Hamilton following his conviction at trial for Conspiracy to Possess With the Intent to Distribute and/or Distribution of Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Marijuana. This case was the result of a year long multi-agency investigation of a drug trafficking organization that was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Indianapolis Metropolitan Drug Task Force, United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

AVILA was the source of supply of over 58 kilograms (130 pounds) of methamphetamine, 80 kilograms (36 pounds) of cocaine, and 363 kilograms (800 pounds) of marijuana to a drug trafficking organization comprised of a number of Mexican nationals that were residing in the Indianapolis area. After obtaining the drugs from AVILA, the members of the organization in Indianapolis distributed the methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana in Marion County, Bartholomew County, Vigo County, and other places throughout the Southern District of Indiana.

The investigation in this case revealed that the targets of the investigation often used various means of communication to facilitate their drug trafficking enterprise, including cellular telephones and digital pagers. Between March 20, 2001 and August 13, 2001, three different court-authorized wiretaps were utilized to conduct wire surveillance on cellular telephones linked to several members of the organization. Law enforcement monitored the wiretap for 134 days and intercepted thousands of calls between members of the organization.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge Hamilton also imposed 10 years supervised release following AVILA's

release from imprisonment, if AVILA is not deported to his native country of Mexico.

Other defendants sentenced to date in this Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation include:

Fidelmar Soto-Nava	322 months imprisonment
Rene Nava-Rubio	262 months imprisonment
Jose Gonzalez	240 months imprisonment
Rodolfo Ramos-Martinez	232 months imprisonment
Eden Nava-Rubio	210 months imprisonment
Fernando Soto-Nava	192 months imprisonment
Pedro Bosque	188 months imprisonment
Fabian Soto-Nava	151 months imprisonment
Cuahutemoc Nava-Rubio	151 months imprisonment
Hilario Espinoza-Sarco	123 months imprisonment
Oscar Gomez	121 months imprisonment
Eden Nava-Rubio	120 months imprisonment
Jose Carachure	120 months imprisonment
Victor Urquiza	120 months imprisonment
Calvin Miller	120 months imprisonment
Guadalupe Franco	108 months imprisonment
Wilbert Avant	108 months imprisonment
Benjamin Guerra	97 months imprisonment
Carlos Esquivel-Lopez	90 months imprisonment
Magno Callado-Mendoza	87 months imprisonment
Troy Morris	87 months imprisonment
Stalin Cuevas	51 months imprisonment

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